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Dear Les,

Exercycling has some advantages. Thanks to yesterday's and this morning's rain I caught CBS-TV's coverage of the Ray hearing - and Lane.

CBS will give you a sound tape. They will not do this for me. As a matter of record I'd like both newscasts, last night, Evening News and this morning's at 7 a.m. Thanks if you'd please try to get them. If you do I suggest you listen to them, too.

I've been reading even more paper lately. The DBI has been dumping it on me by the carton. One was of such weight and bulk I complained to them. In a week I received 5 or so cartons. Imagine! Their concern is to be in a psoition to try to moot the case insofar as they are concerned at the status call of this coming Wednesday. I don't think it will work but they are smart to make the effort.

I'm learning more about Murtaugh, too, as you will when you are here. I've started a separate file on him. He ran domestic-intelligence spies against King and SCLC. He is hardly as pure and heroic as Lane portrays him.

Interestingly he was also the Atlanta office's overt FBI contact.

Abby Mann's thing is not new. I now have a record of it dating to I think 1969. That also took time.

The records are so vast much will get lost in the volume. I've little space for making and holding separate files, as you may recall. I'm separating what I can. Right now it is delayed because the service on the copier is a week overdue and it is not working. A few interesting characters have emerged, one definitely connected with Ray prior to the assassination, but after his escape from McPen. The NO field office kiboshed the "investiagtion" of Raul Esquivel. Ditto for the Lomax report relating to the contractor or industrialist Ray is said to have said he was going to see. Unusual from my experience that a field office would successfully oppose "Seat of Government."

Best to everyone,